

Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants acknowledge with thanks the courtesy extended to their representative by Examiner Kao. During the course of the interview, proposed amendments to claim 1 were discussed. Applicants are now formally filing the proposed amendment which was shown to the Examiner during the interview.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriyama (US 2004/0198430) in view of Rautiola (US 5,991,639). It is respectfully submitted, however, that these claims are now patentable over the art of record for the reasons set forth below.

Claim 1 is directed towards a communication system that switches between wired and wireless communication. The following language which appears in claim 1 is particularly relevant:

... responsive to said first wired connection detecting section detecting that said wired connection between said wired communication unit and said second wired communication unit exists, uses said wireless data communication to signal said second change-over switch to switch from a) said wireless data communication using said second wireless communication unit to b) said wired data communication using said second wired communication unit, and

... responsive to said application detecting that said wireless connection between said first wireless communication unit and said second wireless communication unit exists, uses said wired data communication to signal said second change-over switch to switch from a) said wired data communication using said second wired communication unit to b) said wireless data communication using said second wireless communication unit;

Thus, responsive to the detection of a wired connection, wireless communication is used to switch from wireless communication to wired communication. Furthermore, responsive to detection of a wireless connection, wired communication is used to switch from wired communication to wireless

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communication. These features are supported on pages 19 and 22 of the originally filed application. No new matter has been added.

As explained during the interview, Moriyama lacks the above quoted features of claim 1. Paragraph 0078 of Moriyama describes the use of a mechanical switch for signal detection in order to switch between wired and wireless modes. Furthermore, Rautiola, Fig. 3B, discloses detection of power unit 140 to switch between AC and a battery. As the combination of the prior art references neither discloses nor suggests the above feature, claim 1 is patentable over the art of record.

The remaining independent claims, while not identical to claim 1, are patentable by virtue of the inclusion of language similar to that quoted above with regard to claim 1. Thus, the remaining independent claims are also patentable over the art of record.

The remaining dependent claims are patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

Claim 3 has been rejected based on the above-prior art in view of Fong (US 2005/0249169). Claim 15 has been rejected in view of the above prior art in view of Lempio (US 2003/0207683). These claims are also patentable by virtue of their dependency on allowable independent claims.

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In view of the amendments and arguments set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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